



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Lancaster High
Lancaster County
Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,685
Principal: Joseph C. Keenan
Superintendent: Richard E. Moore
Board Chair: Charlene McGriff

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	Excellent	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	9	17	3	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are High Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Passed 2 subtests (%)	69.6%	74.1%	75.2%	78.1%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	17.7%	14.0%	14.1%	11.8%
Passed no subtests (%)	12.8%	11.9%	11.0%	10.1%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	88.7%	93.2%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

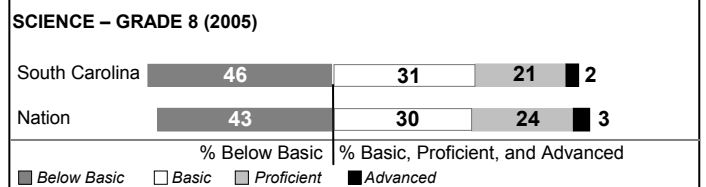
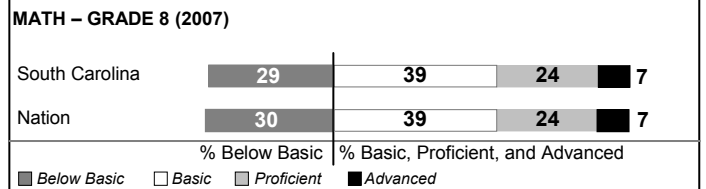
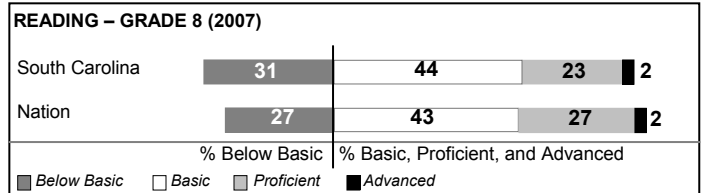
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	334	195
Number of Diplomas	293	147
Rate (%)	87.7%	76.3%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	53.7%	68.9%
English 1	60.6%	58.9%
Physical Science	37.2%	47.1%
All Tests	50.1%	57.5%

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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Lancaster High [Lancaster County]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=1,685)				
Retention rate	5.7%	Up from 5.6%	6.5%	6.1%
Attendance rate	99.7%	Down from 99.9%	95.0%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	0.0%	No Change	9.5%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	10.8%	Up from 10.7%	14.2%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	1.1%	Up from 0.7%	1.4%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	12.9%	Up from 11.7%	9.3%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	38.1%	N/A	40.4%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	43.4%	Down from 51.3%	29.8%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	2.7%	Down from 3.1%	3.7%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	2.2%	Down from 2.7%	4.1%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	1128	Down from 1158	499	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	77.5%	Down from 78.2%	82.2%	79.6%
Teachers (n=125)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	47.2%	Up from 44.9%	53.2%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	53.6%	Down from 59.3%	69.5%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	16.3%	Up from 15.3%	9.9%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	83.2%	Up from 82.2%	84.6%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.4%	Down from 96.6%	95.1%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$46,149	Up 5.9%	\$46,024	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	4.9%	Down from 11.5%	5.0%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	12.0	Up from 11.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.2 to 1	Down from 27.1 to 1	26.2 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	94.0%	Down from 95.6%	88.5%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,494	Up 11.3%	\$7,406	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	63.3%	Down from 65.7%	56.6%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	68.1%	Down from 68.6%	60.6%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Good	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Good	Average
% of AYP objectives met	66.7%		89.5%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2007-2008 school year brought many new initiatives to LHS. The school employed a full-time Character Ed facilitator with a focus on character education throughout the school. Ninth graders were served by the Gear-Up program with emphasis placed on remaining in school and providing scholarship opportunities. Individual Graduation Plans were addressed through our BEAR Facts advisement program for all grade levels. All students and staff emphasized literacy through participation in our daily DEAR program. The school participated in the YES (Youth Employment Services) grant with the SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department focusing on career training and transition. Communications were enhanced through the utilization of additional links on our E-Chalk website and by the introduction of our Connect Ed calling system. Our facilities were improved by the addition of security cameras and a courtyard beautification project.

In the areas of curriculum, the school expanded AP offerings and introduced online AP courses. We continued to offer college credit courses via USC-L and York Tech. Our PLTW courses in pre-engineering were expanded. Our Intro to Careers, Culinary Arts, and Home Integration classes continued to attract new students. In addition, our welding students were able to obtain state certification. Our students, the strength of our school, continued to achieve in the classroom and on the playing field. Student publications were recognized on the state and regional level. Our Band and JROTC unit continued to perform in an exemplary manner. Our Jr. Civitans and Civinettes were recognized for their achievements and they continued to provide a variety of community services.

During the 2008-2009 school year, we will continue the aforementioned programs and focus on improving instructional delivery within the classroom, modifying classroom assessment, and enhancing Algebra Instruction. In closing, the school was recognized as the VIF School of the Year in SC for its work with International faculty. The new year will present many challenges and opportunities. Please be involved with your child's education at LHS!

Principal, Joseph C. Keenan, Ed.D.
School Improvement Council Chair, Kathy White

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	110	357	102
Percent satisfied with learning environment	88.1%	77.5%	93.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	92.7%	76.8%	87.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	54.5%	83.8%	95.1%

*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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